

SEWERAGE systems may be reduced from time to time by the [Commission] BOARD in its discretion, if cost and conditions are deemed by it to justify the reduction but may be subsequently increased to the amount of original assessment in the event revenues prove to be insufficient. The benefit assessments shall be paid annually by all properties located as above specified for a period of years co-extensive with the period of maturity of the bonds out of the proceeds of which such construction was done.

(f) The [Commission] BOARD may at any time permit a connection with a water main or sewer by a property owner whose property does not abut on a water main or sewer and who has not previously paid a benefit charge for the construction of said water main or sewer, provided, the [Commission] BOARD classifies the property and determines a front foot assessment to be paid by the property owner as though the property abutted upon a water main or sewer; and if the connection is made, the property owner and the property as to all charges, rates and benefits stand in every respect in the same position as if the property abutted upon a water main or sewer.

(g) The annual benefit assessment or other charge as above specified is a lien upon the property against which it is assessed until paid, any statute of limitations to the contrary notwithstanding, subject only to prior State and county taxes. If any property is sold for State and/or county taxes, or both, by the [Treasurer] DIRECTOR OF FINANCE of the County, and if after sale there is a surplus after all costs and expenses incident to such sale shall have been paid, the [Commission] COUNTY upon proper petition to the Circuit Court shall be allowed any balance from the surplus, and shall be a preferred lienor to the extent of its lien; and for the purpose of giving notice to the general public as to existing liens and charges against any property within [the county] CARROLL COUNTY abutting upon any water or sewer main, or connected thereto the [Commission] BOARD shall keep a public record of all names of owners of property, locations of said property, lot numbers when of record, and the amount of such benefit assessments, water service charges, or such other charges, that may become liens from time to time. Such records shall be kept in the office of the [Commission] BOARD as a public record, and when so kept shall be legal notice of all existing liens within [the county] CARROLL COUNTY. The [Commission] BOARD shall request the [County Treasurer] DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE COUNTY to print a notice on the [state] STATE and county tax bills that benefit assessments and other charges for water and sewer services must be paid in the office of the [Commission] BOARD or elsewhere as the [Commission] BOARD may designate.

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(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS ISSUED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR